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Inv ntor(s): **Masahiro HINAMI, Toshiyasu KAMIKO, Takaharu TERADA, and Yasushi FUJISAWA**

For: **GAME DEVICE**

This is a ☐ CONTINUING ☒ DIVISIONAL ☐ CONTINUATION-IN-PART of prior application Serial No. 10/207,789 Filed July 31, 2002, currently pending, which is a 08/985,422 Filed December 4, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,468,157.

Enclosed are:

56 Pages of Specification

20 Sheet(s) of drawing (☒ formal ☐ informal)

☒ Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from a prior application 08/985,422 (for continuing and divisionals).

☒ Copy of Assignment to Kabushiki Kaisha Sega Enterprises, Ltd. of 2-12, Haneda 1-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo 144-8531 JAPAN which was filed in the prior application 08/985,422 on July 11, 2002.

☒ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 8-324208 filed on December 4, 1996 from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119, was filed in prior application No. 08/985,422.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

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☐ INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated above, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) in the prior application.

☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and \_\_\_ cited reference(s).

☒ Preliminary Amendment

☒ General authorization/request to Petition for Extensions of Time

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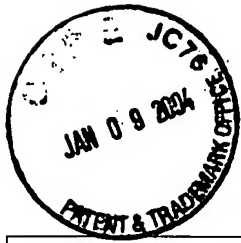
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56 pages of Specification (which includes 17 claims and a one-page Abstract); 20 Sheets of formal Drawings; a copy of the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from prior application 08/985,422; a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing a charge to my credit card in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee; a Preliminary Amendment; an Information Disclosure Statement; a Change of Correspondence Address, Transmittal Letter; General Authorization/Request to Petition for Extensions of Time; and Return Postcard are being deposited with the U.S. Patent Office at the Customer Service Window of the U.S. Patent Office on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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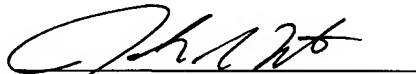
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